

## TICKET RAISER GETS TRAPPED

### COKE RATES MUST DEPEND NOT ON USES

Of the Coke Interstate Commerce Commission Does Decide.

**TWO RATES CHARGED**  
Must Be Adjusted So as to Be One Rate by July 15.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Freight rates on coke from West Virginia to Chicago must not depend upon the uses to which the coke is put, according to a decision by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. Two rates have been maintained by the Norfolk and Western, one of two thirty-five "when for use in blast furnaces" and the other of two sixty-five "when for other uses." The distinction must be removed by July 15.

### FIRST DEFEAT

Comes to the West Virginia Wesleyan in Inter-Collegiate Debate.

BUCKHANNON, May 26.—The West Virginia Wesleyan College met with its first defeat in inter-collegiate debate last night, when Mount Union College of Ohio carried off the honors. The judges were the Rev. John S. Stump, of Parkersburg; the Rev. Earl Brooks, of Weston; and Judge J. C. McWhorter, of this city. They were unanimous in their decision in favor of Mount Union College.

### FIREMEN REFUSE

To Submit Wage Dispute to Mediators and Demand 20 Per Cent Increase.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Representatives of the firemen of the Southern Railway today flatly turned down a proposal by the road that they submit the wage dispute to mediation. The firemen insisted upon a twenty per cent increase and said that they would consider nothing else.

### INCENDIARIES

Complete the Destruction of a Large Lumber Company's Plant.

HUNTINGTON, May 26.—Incendiarists last night completed the destruction of the Licking River Lumber Company's stock, which was partly destroyed by fire only a few nights ago. Many piles of lumber left from the previous fire and ten cars loaded with fine graded lumber, went up in the flames. The loss, estimated at \$35,000 and is practically covered by insurance.

### CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing exercises of the grammar department of the Water street colored school will be held tonight, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. "A Noble Outcast," a drama in four acts, will be presented. Go early if you want comfortable seats. An admission of fifteen cents will be charged.

### PUBLIC PLAY GROUNDS.

FAIRMONT, May 26.—Fairmont's first public play grounds will be thrown open next Tuesday when the Clarkburg & Fairmont Traction Company will turn Loop Park over to the people of the city. The opening will be celebrated with band concerts and other events.

Captain Selvey, B. & O. Detective Catches a Smooth Crook.

### FORGERY IS CHARGED

But There Being No Similar Case on Record Legal Fight May Come.

Captain J. Arden Selvey, of the Baltimore and Ohio detective force, with headquarters at Grafton, has just effected the arrest of a very smooth character in the person of A. F. Bernier, a piano tuner, who has been doing work in this section of the state for some time past, and it is the first of its kind on record, as far as the local officers and attorneys know.

Bernier had been making a practice of raising tickets to and from different points along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio. Several days ago he purchased a ticket from Agent Kinter at Grafton to the Grafton park for the usual fare of five cents. This ticket was "doctored" by erasing the word "Park" and "Belington" was substituted. The ticket was presented to Captain Dunnington, and Bernier rode to Belington on the ticket. Conductor Dunnington noticed that the ticket was scratched, and that the serial number was not right.

Later Bernier was again on the train going from Belington to Grafton, and again a "doctored" ticket was presented; but Mr. Dunnington was not positive that he had collected either of the tickets from Bernier, and he did not notice the difference until he was making up his report. He knew he had collected the two tickets and suspected that the same man had presented both. It later developed that Bernier had purchased the ticket on which he had returned from Agent

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## COFFMAN PRIMARY BILL IS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

### REPUBLICANS WIN IN WALK AT WHEELING

Haskins is Re-Elected as a Member of the Board of Control.

**BY A BIG MAJORITY**  
Both Branches of the City Council Controlled by the Republicans.

WHEELING, W. Va., May 26.—The Republicans swept this city at yesterday's city election. The results follow:

**Board of Control.**  
Dr. T. M. Haskins..... 3,510  
John Waterhouse..... 2,211  
W. B. Hilton..... 1,557

Total..... 7,278  
Haskins's plurality..... 1,299

**Council—First Branch.**  
First ward—Edward McKown, R.  
Second ward—Louis Seider, R.  
Third ward—P. F. Haberstick, D.  
Fourth ward—John M. Ritter, D.  
Fifth ward—George Conrad, R.  
Sixth ward—J. E. Miller, D.  
Seventh ward—A. T. Sweeney, D.  
Eighth ward—Louis F. Nolte, R.

**Second Branch.**  
First ward—William T. Ott, R.;  
C. H. Miller, D.; James H. Riddle,  
Sr., R.; Louis Bartels, R.  
Second ward—Fred F. Becker,  
R.; Carter Norman, D.; Dr. George

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Most Important One is the Elimination of a Penalty Clause.

### OTHERS MERELY MINOR

Democratic Members of the Senate Do Not Vote on Amendments.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 26.—When the House of Delegates met this morning a recess was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon, after which the Democratic members went into conference to consider primary election bills.

In the Senate the forenoon was taken up in amending the Coffman primary election bill. Many minor amendments were made, while one important change was to strike out the penalty clause for persons who fail to support the nominees of parties in whose primaries they voted.

The Senate Democrats did not vote on the amendments.

The bill was ordered printed as amended, after which a recess was taken.

At a caucus of the Republican members of the House last night Delegate Moore, of Marshall county, was selected floor leader. He will succeed Delegate Strother, of McDowell county, who was the floor leader in the regular session. No leader had heretofore been selected for the special session.

### IMPRESSIVE

Is the Funeral of the Late Minister of War of France Today.

PARIS, May 26.—Impressive was the funeral today of Henri Berteaux, minister of war, who was killed in an accident which marred the opening of the Paris-Madrid aeroplane race. General Francois Gotraux accepted the portfolio of war minister in succession to Berteaux.

### VEDRINE ARRIVES

Finishing Aviation Race While Competitors Are Stalled in Mountains.

MADRID, May 26.—Vedrine, a French aviator, arrived at the Spanish capital from Burgos this morning, being the first contestant to complete the third and last stage of the Paris to Madrid aviation race. Gilbert and Garros are still stalled in the mountain fastnesses and it is not probable that they will be able to finish within the time limit.

Vedrine said he, like Gilbert, was attacked by an eagle crossing the mountains in Castile. The big bird swooped at his face, but by swiftly dropping and rising to new levels, he managed to out maneuver his feathered antagonist.

### BODY

Of Fairmont Woman Taken Through to Ritchie County for Burial.

The body of Mrs. Clarence Ruble, of Fairmont, was brought to Clarksburg Friday on an interurban car and transferred to the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to be sent to McFarland, Ritchie county, for burial. She died Thursday at her home at Fairmont of tuberculosis after a long illness. She was 41 years old and is survived by her husband and several children.

### RIG BURNS

At a Gas Well on the Taylor Heirs' Farm at Northview.

The rig of a gas well that is being drilled at Northview on the Taylor heirs' farm by the Philadelphia Gas Company caught afire and burned to the ground late Thursday afternoon. One large wheel and the tools were saved but everything else was destroyed. The blaze caused unusual excitement there and about 1,000 persons gathered around to see it. The loss is several hundred dollars.

### CRAWFORD IS NOT BELIEVED BY SEVERAL

Who Testify at Nye Trial That His Reputation for Truth is Bad.

### REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Of a Dozen Witnesses is Secured by the State in the Case.

COLUMBUS, O., May 26.—The reputation of State Printer Crawford, the principal witness for the state, was attacked today at the trial of Representative Nye, indicted on a charge of soliciting a bribe from Crawford.

Emmit Dorgan, of Jackson, D. H. Grimes, superintendent of schools of Hanging Rock, Prof. McCormick, of McDowell, and Dr. O. Y. Uler, of Highland county, testified that the reputation of Crawford as to truth and veracity was bad.

The state secured a dozen rebuttal witnesses to break down the testimony of the witnesses against Crawford.

### BRYAN ON WOOL

NEW YORK, May 26.—William J. Bryan reaffirmed his adherence to the doctrine of free wool in connection with a report that Speaker Clark had caused him to change his mind in this regard.

## MINISTER GRANT IS FOUND GUILTY

Heresy Charges Preferred against the Rev. Mr. Grant Sustained.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 26.—The Rev. Wm. D. Grant, of North Cumberland, Pa., was today found guilty of heresy by the commission which heard the charges made against him. The commission reported its findings to the Presbyterian General Assembly this morning. The commission found that Grant "taught a doctrine contrary to the word of God in the Bible and the Presbyterian confession of faith." It recommended that he be suspended "until he renounced the errors he holds." The assembly overwhelmingly adopted the report.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

By the Tri-Association Missionary Institute of Baptist Denomination.

The Tri-Association Missionary Institute of the Baptist denomination has elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. E. F. Garrett, of Bridgeport; vice president, Mrs. H. S. Chenoweth, of Fairmont, and secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Lawler, of Shinnston.

### VETERAN DIES.

MORGANTOWN, May 26.—Comrade E. M. Darling, a member of the "Famous Silver Drum Corps" of Fairmont, who was overcome in the G. A. R. street parade here, died at his hotel in the evening. He served in Company B of the Fourteenth West Virginia Infantry during the Civil War. His body will be buried at Hundred.

### TWO DROWNED.

FAIRMONT, May 26.—Raymer Petty and Norman Miller were drowned in the Monongahela river at midnight when their skiff fell to pieces. Both men were about 35 years old and they leave widows and several children. They were employed at the Dakota coal mine.

## NEW PRESIDENT TAKES THE OATH

Administered by the Members of Former President Diaz's Staff.

### GREAT CROWDS CHEER

President De La Barra and General Madero at Chamber of Deputies.

MEXICO CITY, May 26.—Francisco De La Barra, foreign minister, took the oath of office as provisional President of the Republic today. He will act as chief executive until a general election can be held.

Order prevailed throughout the capital last night.

De La Barra took the oath in the Chamber of Deputies and it was administered by the members of the staff of former President Diaz. They resigned several days ago but asked that they be permitted to do this.

The most distinguished personages in the capital were present, including the diplomatic corps. Large crowds gathered about the chamber cheered for De La Barra and General Madero.

De La Barra took up the reins of government today in an open letter addressed to the Mexican people acknowledging his election as provisional President.

### COUNCILMEN ELECTED.

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., May 26.—At the annual corporation election held yesterday, Dr. R. E. Venning, T. E. Perry and E. B. Lunsford were elected to city council. Two of the successful candidates are dry and the other one wet.

### CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Wheat 99 1-2; corn 54 3-4; oats 35 7-8.

### GASOLINE IS REFUSED BY RAILROADS

And Producers Face Possibility of Shutting Down Their Plants.

### QUESTION DEBATED

By Them and Railroad Men at Meeting in Pittsburgh Today.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, May 26.—A blow that may result in the death of the gasoline business in the oil fields, has been struck by the refusal of the railroads to handle the product of the wells in the fields in this section, and, in fact, all over the country where casinghead gasoline is being produced. The blow came within the last couple of days when the railroads notified the manufacturers of this gasoline that for the present they would not move any more of it, and in fact would not receive any for shipment.

Immediately the gasoline producers and the traffic inspectors of railroads, called a meeting for Friday at the Fort Pitt hotel in Pittsburgh, at which the matter of the transportation of gasoline in tank cars and otherwise was taken up and discussed. There is a large attendance of the producers of this class of gasoline at the meeting from Parkersburg, St. Marys, New Martinsville, Clarksburg, Mannington; and in fact, from all parts of this state and Pennsylvania where this stuff has been and is now being manufactured.

There has been considerable agitation against what is known as casing head gasoline for some time past, the claim being that it is entirely too high gravity for shipment in its natural state, and that in accepting it for shipment the railroads were placing their property and that of others as well as the lives of many people in grave danger. However, local manufacturers claim there is no more danger from handling the gasoline produced from the wells than there is in that which is manufactured from the stills at the refineries for it.

During the last two years the gasoline industry has grown to be a wonderful thing in this section. Thousands of drums of the fluid are turned out from southwest oil fields and thousands from this field every month. All the other fields in West Virginia are good producers of gasoline and if the manufacturers are compelled to stop the making of it millions of dollars will be lost as a result and some of the properties which recently sold for good prices in all sections because of the large amount of gasoline produced from the old oil wells will be worth practically nothing.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Opens as Usual But the Business Dispatched is Very Light.

The circuit court opened as usual this morning but the business dispatched was light. There will be court tomorrow.

In the suit of Cassine C. Frum against Willie E. Frum partition commissioners reported that the land involved could not be divided advantageously and sale was ordered.

James F. Rumbaugh's suit against Harry J. Raley was dismissed having been amicably adjusted.

### PROF. PARKER RESIGNS.

FAIRMONT, May 26.—Prof. E. R. Parker, who had been for a number of years principal of the Fifth Ward graded schools of this city, has tendered his resignation and will not be an applicant for this position next term.

### John Hays Hammond, Uncle Sam's Envoy to Coronation of King

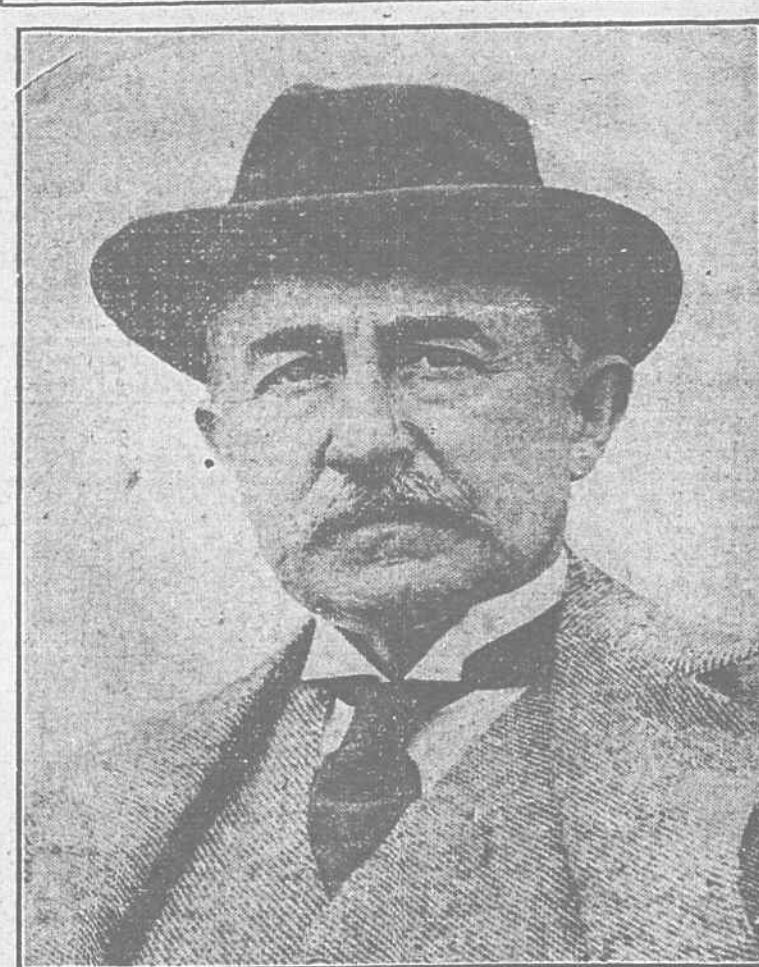


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JOHN HAYS HAMMOND, who has had many unusual experiences during his busy career, is to have still more experiences in June, when he represents the United States as special envoy to the coronation of King George V. As the representative of one of the great nations of the world he will be the associate of hereditary rulers, future rulers, world famous diplomats and distinguished citizens of all lands. Mr. Hammond is a close friend of President Taft. Indeed, he loaned Mr. Taft his cook last year when the president made his long tour through the west and south. He has been mentioned as a possible ambassador to one of the great European powers, but it is understood that he does not seek that honor, that he is too busy to accept the appointment. But going to London for a few weeks as a special envoy to a coronation that is expected to equal or surpass anything of the kind ever seen was different, and Mr. Hammond easily found time to go. The above picture was made at a horse show at Lakewood, N. J., only a few days ago and while the mining engineer was making preparations to sail for England.

L. L. Loar of the Loar and White store was here from Grafton today. Earl Morrison, of Wilsonburg, was transacting business here Friday.